

October-November, 2003

The Orchid Grower

Upcoming Events:

- Oct 19: 1:00 PM Ribbon Judging at Olbrich. 1:30 PM Guild Meeting.
- Oct 22: Noon Deadline to deliver orchids to the Ackers for the Blackhawk Orchid Society Show
- Nov 3: 7:00 PM Board of Directors at Perkins on the Beltline.
- Nov 6: Deadline for December issue of the Orchid Grower.
- Nov 1: Slipper Orchid Symposium in Florida
- Nov 16: 1:00 PM Ribbon Judging at Orchids by the Ackers. 1:30 PM Guild Meeting.
- Dec 14: 1:00 PM Winter Party at Olbrich

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Orchid Growers' Guild

Kathy Crager to Speak at October Guild Meeting

Kathy Crager, from the Minnesota Orchid Society, will be the speaker at the October 19th Guild meeting. Kathy will present a program entitled "Orchid Hunting in Jamaica." Kathy has been growing orchids for many years, has a fantastic personal collection, and is an American Orchid Society judge. Come and experience her search for that very special Jamaican orchid!

Our agenda is very full for this guild meeting. Please be sure to have all plants that you want judged at Olbrich no later than 1:00.

In addition to the program and other business, we will also be discussing the proposed Ribbon Judging rules. We are one of the very few orchid organizations without a policy to guide ribbon judging. This means that what gets awarded has been up to those who do the judging with the result that one time only the best plants will be awarded and another time every plant is awarded. The Board will consider all suggestions that are made before it finalizes the policy, based on our bylaws. If you are not able to attend, you may direct any questions or comments to any Board member.

Orchids by the Ackers Hosts the November Meeting

Orchids by the Ackers will host our November Guild meeting. This has always been a very special meeting as it not only provides everything a regular meeting does, but it also means that we have the chance to explore the greenhouses and pick up a new orchid—or two or three or....

This is also the last meeting of the ribbon judging year! Our ribbon judging year is December through November. This allows us to present the awards for our growers at our winter party in December. The Guild's ribbon judging policy will also be available to pick-up at this meeting for those who don't have e-mail.

**Drop-off Orchids at Ackers by Noon on October 22
for Blackhawk Show**

Pick-up Orchids at Ackers after Noon on October 27

The Guild Needs the Following:

Chairs for Spring Orchid Sale 2005 & Orchid Quest 2005

President's Message – Doug Dowling

Isn't the fall weather great! There is a crispness in the air that is wonderful. We have all our orchids back inside and they look very healthy. Several of them are also in spike! Gary and I are experimenting with an automated misting system for our plants this year. We found it too time consuming to hand water everything. So far, it seems to be working well and has really cut down on the time we need to water them.

As you have probably noticed, the Board has been very busy over the summer months. The Board members have been working hard to improve the educational component of the Guild. The Board is supporting our Program Chair's effort to bring in interesting and high quality programs for our meetings. The Board is also working with Orchid Quest to make improvements in the educational seminars offered at the show. There will be a ribbon judging policy designed to help educate our judges and membership about what constitutes an orchid worth a ribbon. We will also have a time at several meetings this year when the ribbon judges will share with the Guild their reasoning behind awarding a particular plant.

Our May meeting will be a trip to Natt's Orchids in Park Ridge, Illinois. As soon as the show schedules are final, we'll be able to set the date. We anticipate the cost of the trip to be about \$25. That will include deluxe motor coach transportation (bus with A/C and a bathroom), lots of time to shop at Natt's, a program and even lunch!

2003-2004 Guild Meetings

The following dates have been set for Guild meetings for 2003-2004.

Oct. 19	Feb. 15
Nov. 16 Ackers	Mar. 28
Dec. 14	Apr. 18
Winter Party	May Bus Trip to Natt's
Jan. 25	June Summer Picnic

Blackhawk Orchid Show

The Blackhawk Orchid Society's show will be October 24-26 at the Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden at 2701 Clifton Avenue in Rockford, IL. Plan now to attend.

Time to Renew Your Membership

With the fall comes the time to renew your membership in the Orchid Growers' Guild for another year. Our membership year follows the calendar year (Jan-Dec). You will find a renewal form/application included in this newsletter. We ask that you complete the entire application and submit it with your 2004 membership dues.

In the past, a number of members have renewed by simply giving the Guild a check or cash. At times, this renewal is not appropriately credited. To help prevent this we will not accept renewals without a completed application.

Your dues pay for most of the cost of printing and mailing information to members as well as the cost of our web site. The rest of these costs, program expenses, away show expenses and other Guild expenses are paid for with the proceeds from Orchid Quest, the Spring Sale and any other sales we hold.

Thank You

"I would like to thank all members of OGG for their cards and expressions of sympathy during the period after the loss of John Diehl. It is deeply appreciated. Also many thanks to all who contributed to the memorial fund in John's name. I thank you all." — *Anne Orcutt*

September Board Notes – Meg McLaughlin

Orchid Quest: Letter to vendors going out within a week. 1,500 flyers will be delivered to Chicagoland Orchid Fest. Future of OQ at Alliant Energy Center.

Ribbon Judging Policy: Proposed policy approved. To be distributed to Guild with time for comments and questions at October meeting. Sug-

gestions for change will be discussed at Nov. Board meeting.

Committee Chairs: Appointments approved; some vacancies remain

Spring Sale: Need chair. Orchids have been ordered.

Wisconsin Orchid Society Judging Results

Plants Provided for Display (A= Advanced, B= Beginner, I= Intermediate) = 12

Cleo Kiergaard (5) I Wayne King (3) A Sue Reed (4) A
 Exhibit Set-up: Sue Reed & Joan Smalley Exhibit Take-down: meg McLaughlin

First Place:

Wayne King: *Catasetum* Black Jade & *Slc.* Acker’s Royal Hue

Second Place:

Cleo Kiergaard: *Sop. Mantiqueirae*
 Sue Reed: *Brsdm.* Shooting Star ‘Black Gold’

Third Place:

Cleo Kiergaard: *Paph. niveum* ‘Yolanda’ x ‘White Ice’

Janet Moore entered one of her original paintings and received not only a first place ribbon, but also best of class.

Awards Points Summary

Name	Level	YTD Total
Cocalis, Vicki		2
Dowling, Doug	2	71
Hynum, Jill	3	8
Janke, Jay	1	6
Johnson, Brook	1	9
Kiergaard, Cleo	2	41
King, Wayne	3	238
Lensmeyer, Gary	2	33
Mckauglin, Meg	1	51
Miller, Richard	3	5
Moore, Kay	3	10

Name	Level	YTD Total
Nofsinger, Mark	2	49
Orchids by the Ackers	3	98
Orcutt, Anne	3	13
Rapacz, Jan	3	68
Rapacz, Judith	1	16
Reed, Sue	3	210
Stevenson, Judy		4
Thimling, Steven	2	130
Three Kings	3	76
Weber, Scott	3	4
Williamson, Judy	2	62

Getting Your Plants Ready to Be Judged at Shows – Cleo Kiergaard

1. Select the plants you want to send.
2. Get them ready.
3. Figure out what class they should be in and make out your entry tags.
4. Make out your list and email it to me.
5. Put 2 copies of the list in your box along with your tags.
6. Take your orchids to Ackers or other pickup point.

1. Select the plants you want to send. You want to look for the ones with good size, shape, and color. The more flowers on the plant, the better (usually). You don't want to send flowers that are past their prime, look dry, or have brown/black spots. The one that had 15 blossoms on it and only has one left is not the best choice either. Make sure none of your orchids are infested with insects or show signs of fungal, bacterial, or viral infection. They can't be shown with these conditions.
2. Wipe the leaves with a damp cloth to remove dust and water spots. Remove any dead leaves, stems, and take out unnecessary plant supports, etc. Stake them well for travel. (This staking and other unnecessary "hardware" will be removed for the exhibit.) Put your name on the pot or slab in a non-conspicuous spot. Be sure your box has a sturdy bottom. Cover the box well for the weather. Mark your box(s) with your name.

Be sure there is a plant identification label in the pot or securely attached to the slab/pot/plant. The plant label should identify the genus (e.g., Paphiopedilum, Phalaenopsis, Cattleya) and the species or hybrid. PRINT CLEARLY. Do not use cursive handwriting, and use upper and lower case as appropriate. Species are written in all lower case, e.g., Paph. niveum. Hybrids are written with the name of the hybrid in initial caps, e.g., Phrag. Hanne Popow. Correct labeling avoids confusion classification.

3. The class is determined by the Mid-American Orchid Congress (MAOC) Show Schedule. This schedule is required to be in all show books. In addition, there are the MAOC Orchid Classification List and the MAOC Orchid Intergeneric Makeup Listing. (The lists can be sent to you electronically if you ask me.) It is generally best to place your plant in the lowest number class that applies. That way, if it is incorrect, the judges may (or may not) move it to the correct one. You can also ask someone that sends plants to shows regularly for help. If you aren't sure, you can put a note on your plant list and the person taking the orchids to the show will do their best to get your plant entered in the correct class.

Class # _____	Tag # _____
Owner # _____	Exhibit # _____
Name _____	
Cross _____	
x	
Award	
1 2 3 J.C. Spec.	

Now it's time to do the entry tag. What is an entry tag and how many do you need? One entry tag for each plant you submit for judging. Here is a sample:

Fill in Class #. Leave Tag #, Owner # and Exhibit # blank. These will be filled in by the person taking the plants to the show. "Name" indicates the name of the plant (not your name) followed by the parentage, if a hybrid. If the plant is a species, write "species" in the space for cross. MAOC defines "hybrid" as a cross made with the genus listed, unless preceded by the word "intergeneric", in which case, two or more different genera are used in the cross.

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Don't pull your tags apart or put them on your plants. Put them with your lists in your box(s).

4. Your list needs to include your name, class number for each plant and the plants full name. Email me the list just as soon as you can. If you need to make corrections, let me know as soon as you can. I use this email list to make up plant labels. It's easier to throw a label away than to have to make it the night before.
5. Put two printed copies of the list in/on your box(s) with your entry tags.
6. Take your orchids to Ackers by Noon on the Wednesday before the show. Your orchids will generally be returned to Ackers by Noon the Monday after the show.

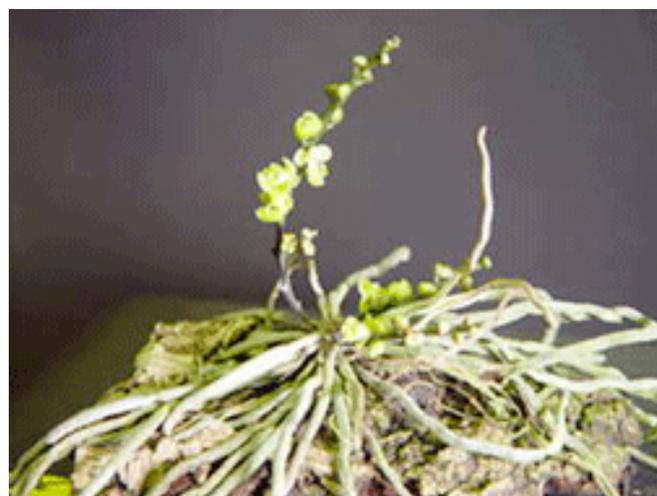
If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

2003 & 2004 Away Show Orchid Pick-up and Return Dates and Times

Show Dates Set-up is one day earlier	Show	Must Be Dropped Off at Orchids by the Ackers By	Returned to Orchids by the Ackers By
October 25-26, 2003	Blackhawk Orchid Society Rockford, IL	Noon on October 22	Noon on October 27
February 21-22, 2004	Batavia Orchid Society St. Charles, IL	Noon on February 18	Noon on February 23
March 6-7, 2004	N E WI Orchid Society Green Bay, WI	Noon on March 3	Noon on March 8
March 20-21, 2004	Ilowa Orchid Society Davenport, IA	Noon on March 17	Noon on March 22
April 3-4, 2004	Illinois Orchid Society Des Plaines, IL	Noon on March 31	Noon on April 5



Brassavola cat-eatea 'Naughty Holly'



Chiloschista uscnoides

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Orchid Growers' Guild, Inc. Calendar Year 2004 Membership Application

Please complete all sections and submit with your membership dues payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail*: _____

*To maintain low membership dues, e-mail is used whenever possible.
Your e-mail address will only be available to Guild members.

Is this a change of address: Yes No

Please indicate your type of membership:

- Individual \$18
- Student (full time students)..... \$9
- Household (two voting memberships) ... \$24
- Business \$24
(New members pay 1/2 of above after June 30th)

Experience Growing Orchids:

Number of years _____

or

Year you started _____

I am interested in helping with the following:

- Plant sales and auctions
- Orchid Quest
- Program planning
- Assist with "away" plant show set-up and take-down
- Ribbon judging at monthly meetings
- Committee work: _____
- Serve on the Board of Directors
- Other: _____

Skills, knowledge and expertise I would be willing to share with the Guild: _____

Please mail this form with your payment to:

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